WIND VEERING TOWARD SUFFRAGE IN FRANCE

Sixty-five of Eighty-six Departments Are Now Systematically Organized for "Cause."

GERMAN PROGRESS SLOW

Belgian Women Are Active for Ballot.

By Ida Husted Harper.

Paris, Aug. 7 .- France and Germany, no more striking contrast than in the treatment by the two governments of the woman suffrage question. In the latter it is wholly ignored, but in France it is All the forces of "species" recognized as a prominent political measure, and if the women themselves were sufficiently organized and active they would probably be able to secure the municipal franchise at least. This is, in fact, all they are hoping for at no cohesion among themselves.

Women Systematically Organizing.

Within the last four or five years & of Mme de Witt-Schlumberger, it num- marvellous. hers over 12,000, and sixty-five out of the eighty-six departments of France are organized. It is now possible to do

favorable report, but urged a govern-ment bill for woman suffrage. It ad-There is univvised that "as the country must be led Belgium, but qualifications of property says "direct, universal, municipal suffrage" should be given to them and that later

for proportional representation, which would much increase the electoral spents of men and a strength of men a strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a yote to any man who have to the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a yote to any man who have to the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a yote to any man who have to the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men, and whenever in any country there is a proposal to give a young the strength of men and the strength of m vote to any man who hasn't one, or to improve the one he already has, the women must stand aside and wait.

The Liberals are irreconcilably hostile 411,265,800 in revenue from the parcel post to this proposition, believing that through the votes of women the Catholics would for the first six months, beginning Janube kept in control of the government.

are supporting it. The women will accept it if they cannot get more, but it overboard. they have asked to be included on equal Suffrage Halted by Ending Strike. terms if proportional representation is adopted. The "Temps" thinks this "a very legitimate proposition" if they are a reform in provincial and municipal sufcapable of voting in municipal affairs, frage, but the Liberals and Socialists and the "Journal des Debats" agrees. hold out for revision of the parliamentary in their mill pay based upon rates, zones Most of the conservative papers are op- franchise. Had their "strike" not been posed to any enfranchisement of women; called off, the women of Belgium might although the additional business translike that of some other countries, it seen here what nowhere else exists, an according to the testimony of the Postwould much rather exploit the militancy of the English suffragettes than describe for enfranchisement—the Catholic League provided in the allowance. The exten-

Prospect in France Encouraging.

engaged in trade, either as employers or by all the other suffrage societies. eligible to serve on these tribunals.

an member was called to fill his place, used in their political game, but the without pay, and it is especially unreawhose functions are those of a magis- women will accept it from any or all and sonable for the United States governtrate. There is a growing disposition to then play their own game. put women on municipal commissions-for school hygiene, cheap dwellings, prison law went into effect that gives to women control, etc. Two women lawyers have workers a vote and eligibility for the been placed on a very important commis- trade councils, which decide labor quession for drafting bills; another has been tions, the vote being compulsory. Here made a member of an extra-parliamentary again the Catholic women organized a mittee on Railway Pay, in letter to you commission to frame a bill for child pro- Woman's Trade Union Congress to contection, and yet these women cannot vote sider matters relating to their welfare for the members who will pass upon these Suffragists will watch Belgium with the

bills! In administering the law in what are usually called juvenile courts it has been the "supplementary inquiry," and the POLICEMAN QUELLS GANG Minister of Justice declares that this renders them eligible as magistrates.

At the recent congress of the Association for Women's Employment the Cabinet Minister of Public Instruction was officially represented by Mme. Kergomard. Oak street station, was attacked by a general inspector of kindergartens and gang of hoodiums in front of No. 32 thirteen years, has now become law; also Rendels, of No. 30 Cherry street, charges one allowing the mother of a child born out of wedlock to claim support for it

Hickey was knocked down, bea from the father. A bill for a minimum wage for women who take work home to do is before the parliament; also one to equalize the salaries of men and women public school teachers. The most remarkable thing about this is that it is supported by the men in their own teachers' inlon and in another of both sexes called by the felicitous title the Friendly Mixed. All these incidents are straws showing that in France the wind is blowing toward equal rights for women.

Slow Progress in Germany.

only in the three "free cities." These sostates and are fedurated in a national as- with grand larceny.

sociation which publishes a paper and belongs to the International Alliance.
This national body is hindered in its

action by a division of sentiment, one section refusing to work for anything but "universal and equal suffrage," while the other asks for it "on the same terms as granted to men," believing this the wisest

They are not likely, however, to get either, although just as able women are connected with the movement as in countries that are nearer the goal. They have tremendous obstacles to contend with, chief among them the German idea, embodied in the Emperor, that women are created solely for domestic purposes. This is even more inconsistent in many than elsewhere, as nearly 19,000,000 women, about one-third of the whole number, are compelled to work outside All "Special Privileges" Oppose the home. This fact would be the strongest element in securing the ballot for them if the working classes of Germany had as much political power as in other countries, but an antiquated electoral system gives them but small representation in the Parliament.

This is especially true of the Socialists, paris. Aug. 7.—France and Germany, who constitute an immense party and opposites in almost every respect, offer in the main support the claims of the women. The Liberals and Catholics are not openly hostile, but the Conservatives

All the forces of "special privilege" are used against woman suffrage in Germany, just as they are in the United States and elsewhere. They do not permit universal suffrage for men where they can prevent it. The women are persistent, neverthe-

less, and are making a little impression present, and the parliament looks upon on the adamant by petitions, pamphlets it favorably, but here, as everywhere and large public meetings. Last fall they else, measures are constantly pressing actually marched in procession through which men regard as more important the streets of Munich and were well rethan the enfranchisement of women. It ceived. In Saxony women who are large may be said, however, that up to a re- land owners have a vote. In the Grand cent date this has received more val- Duchy of Oldenburg not long ago the cent date this has received more variable support here from men than from women. For many years there were woman's rights societies in Paris, but they were extremely radical and had may vote for the chambers of commerce and women who are insured may vote for the administrative bodies of state insurance.

Forty petitions for the municipal frandifferent class of women has taken up the work of systematic organization sion of the Prussian Diet, and many for throughout the country into a national eligibility to school boards. The Catholic association, federated with the inter- Women's Union is behind the latter, and national alliance. At the time of the it has been granted in a few places. The congress in Stockholm, two years ago. struggle before the German women seems it had 3,000 members, nearly all in so long and so hard that to those of other Paris. Now, under the able presidency countries their courage and hope are

Suffrage Movement in Belgium.

A very interesting situation exists in systematic work; to hold a national con- Pelgium and a concerted movement vention every year, and to be officially among women for suffrage has for the recognized by parliamentary committeness time taken definite form, although tees, and good results are already ap- there have been societies there for over France is the only government to appoint an official commission to make a thorough investigation into the practical working of woman suffrage where it exists, although Sweden authorized contains individuals to do this. This company the company to restmaster General Burgers and Survey of the survey son urging the government to increase the compensation of the roads for handling the women may slip in. "Politics makes the women may slip in." but there could be a strange bedfellows," but there could be provided the parties of the mail. The increase is asked on the ground that the volume of mail has greatly increased as a result of the establishment of the parties of the parties of the mail. The increase is asked on the ground that the volume of mail has greatly increased as a result of the establishment of the parties of the mail. The increase is asked on the ground that the volume of mail has greatly increased as a result of the establishment of the parties of the mail. The increase is asked on the ground that the volume of mail has greatly increased as a result of the establishment of the parties of the mail o twenty years. The reform of the electain individuals to do this. This commission, of which Ferdinand Buisson was chairman, not only made a very make the suffrage by means of the strength of the was chairman, not only made a very the Catholic Church and in spite of the

There is universal suffrage for men in women should commence with that part of the life of the nation which touches them most directly," and urged that them most directly," and urged that power for the last thirty years and Liberals and Socialists are in active rebel-lion, demanding a revision of the constithis should be extended to the parilapose took place last spring, but as the Catholic majority in the Parliament was partment before the Senate Committee M. Dussaussoy, and has been favor-ly reported by the committee. Here again the old story is reported, for the Chamber of Deputies has before it a bill for proportional control of the proportional control of the

ment in the Chamber of Deputies toward the experiment of municipal suffrage for women, and thus far the Socialists are supporting if The roll of the supporting it is now feature of the little of the supporting it.

The Clerical party offers to consider the press in general is not hostile, but, now be voting citizens. There may be ported amounted to at least 9.16 per cent. would much rather exploit the militancy organized movement of Catholic women office Department, or nearly double that the real progress of the movement at for Women. Suffrage was formed in the last year. Mrs. Jane Brigode is the rated August 15, when the weight limit president. It has petitioned Parliament is to be raised from 11 to 20 pounds, and in the strongest language, declaring that mileage increased, is certain to result in On the whole the prospect in France is "nothing justifies the exclusion of a vast enlargement of business. encouraging, and, here as elsewhere, along women," and that "woman suffrage is a with the movement for the complete suf-question of principle, of justice and of on this business, but no provision has

commerce or trade councils, that settle of Anderlecht is supporting them, and many important matters, and they are one or two Catholic congresses have of earnings previously derived from the called on the Parliament to enfranchise same traffic when carried as express On one occasion when the president of women. The men of all the parties look and freight. the textile department was absent a wom- upon woman suffrage as a pawn to be

Meanwhile, last year in Belgium the keenest anxiety and interest.

Attack Fails to Free Prisoner from Patrolman.

Patrolman Patrick S. Hickey, of the Oak street station, was attacked by a officer of the Legion of Honor. A bill for Cherry street last evening, while he was the assistance of mothers, pending for arresting Matthew Lynch, whom Julia

Hickey was knocked down, beaten and kicked by several of Lynch's friends, but the policeman pluckily held on to his prisoner, but was also borne to the sidewalk in the onrush. Hickey could not blow his whistle nor draw his revolver, and people in the neighborhood, seeing his plight, sent in the alarm that brought out the reserves from the Oak street station. When they arrived the gang had fled, but

the policeman still had his prisoner. Hickey, who has been on the force for ten years, says that after Julia Randeis told him that Lynch had deliberately The breeze in this direction across the driven off with her horse he searched for border in Germany is very light. It is the man and found him on the missing only five or six years since the govern- wagon, in front of the number where he ment repealed the law which prohibited was assaulted. A surgeon from the Hudwomen from belonging to political asso-clations or attending political meetings, teeth had been loosened and his jaw and they could have suffrage societies sprained. He reported sick and went went home. Lynch, who lives at No. 77 tieties now exist in each of the German Roosevelt street, was locked up, charged



CONTINENTAL LEADERS IN SUF-FRAGE WAR.

ROADS SEND BURLESON 'ROUND ROBIN' ON MAIL

Officials of Seventeen Western Lines Ask for Increased Compensation.

St. Louis, Aug. 16 .- Officials of seventeen Western railroads, including the Santa Burlington, Rock Island and other trunk lines, signed a telegram that was sent to-day to Postmaster General Burle-

The telegram, which was sent as the result of investigations conducted by a committee appointed by the railroads,

"The undersigned are prompted respect-

"The testimony of the Postoffice The Liberals are irreconcilably hostile ernment must have collected not less than

> return was paid to any of them for transporting the entire business referred to.

"To remunerate the transportation companies for the additional parcels post transported, Congress provided, beginning July 1, a 5 per cent gross increase and weight limit in the original act,

frage have come collateral gains. Women civilization." This petition was signed yet been made to pay the railroads for transporting it. Not only will they reemployes, may vote for the tribunals of The Young Men's Catholic Association ceive no compensation for this increased business, but will suffer the actual loss

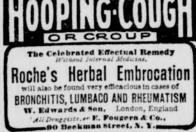
> "No code of business requires service ment to require the railroads or any other interest to serve it without remuneration.

"Congress is in session and can immediately remedy this question in accordance with suggestions made by the Com-July 30, which we indorse and urge upon

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A VERY IMPORTANT SALE OF SELECTED ORIENTAL RUGS

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> RUGS PURCHASED DURING THIS SALE WILL, IF DESIRED, BE RESERVED FOR AUTUMN DELIVERY.

The New Blouses

for Women and Misses, representing the advance styles for Autumn, are now being shown. Included are attractive models in chiffon, crepe de chine and lace, appropriate for various occasions.

Betalph Guaranteed Silk Hosiery.

An advance shipment of this Hosiery, which is manufactured exclusively for B. Altman & Co., has just been received, representing the new colors for Autumn, as well as white and black. It is shown in the regular stock at moderate prices.

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A Remarkable Offering of Reversible Velour Portieres

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\$11.75 per pair

An Important Sale of Comfortables, Bed-Blankets, Muslin Sheets, spreads,

at the following low prices:

White Blankets, per pair, \$3.00 & \$5.00 Satin-finish Bedspreads, . each, 2.90 each, 1.25 Crochet Bedspreads, each, 1.75 Comfortables,

MUSLIN SHEETS.

each, 65c. to \$1.05 Plain, . each, \$1.05 & \$1.20 Hemstitched,

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Appreciable Reductions have been made in the prices of Blankets and Comfortables in discontinued lines.

A Sale of White Embroideries

at remarkable price concessions.

This assortment consists of matched Edgings and Insertings, in batiste and lace combinations, and will be offered at

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40c., 68c., 90c., \$1.25 to \$2.00

A Sale of Women's Hosiery at very special prices.

Women's Black Lisle Thread Hose, per half-\$1.60 dozen pairs . Women's Black Silk Hose, per pair . Women's Black Silk Hose, with handembroidered clocks or insteps, per pair, \$1.50

A Special Sale of Women's Afternoon and Evening Gowns

in new models, presenting the fashionable styles and color effects for Autumn. These Gowns will offer exceptional values at the special price of . . . \$38.00

A Special Reduction Sale of Women's Summer Dresses

consisting of a number of styles made up in various cotton fabrics. These will be offered, to insure a clearance.

at \$2.75, 3.90, 5.00 & 8.75

Unusual Values in Women's Dust Coats

of linen and pongee, comprising the remainder of this season's stock, which will be placed on sale at the following low prices:

Dust Coats of linen, formerly \$4.75 to 15.00 at \$3.25, 5.00 & 7.50

Dust Coats of silk pongee, formerly \$15.00 to \$38.00, at \$9.00, 12.50, 15.00 & 19.50

Misses' and Small Women's Summer Suits, Dresses and Coats

The remaining limited assortments have been greatly reduced, in order to effect a complete clearance, to the following exceptionally low prices:

Tailored Suits of linen and novelty fabrics \$6.50 & 9.50 at Dresses of plain and fancy cotton voiles \$3.25, 4.75 & 8.50 Motor and Beach Coats at \$2.90 & 5.50

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the original prices of which were \$2.25 to \$6.50 will be offered, owing to incomplete assortments, at the following very special prices:

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